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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to school building accreditation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 161.087 and 161.238, to read as follows:

161.087. When assigning classification designations to school districts pursuant to its authority to classify the public schools of the state under section 161.092, the state board of education shall use only the following classification designations:

- (1) Unaccredited;
- (2) Provisionally accredited;
- (3) Accredited; and
- (4) Accredited with distinction.

161.238. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 536 and subdivisions (9) and (14) of section 161.092 to the contrary, the state board of education shall adopt a policy to classify individual attendance centers. Attendance centers that do not offer classes above the second grade level are exempt from classification under this subsection. The policy shall require that an attendance center's classification be based solely on a three-year average of the attendance center's annual performance report scores using the three most recent years. The state board shall assign a classification consistent with such three-year average score.

2. The classifications assigned by the state board under subsection 1 of this section shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the state board develops, adopts, and

14 implements the system of classification described in subsection 3 of this
15 section. At such time, the state board shall classify attendance centers
16 based on the system of classification described in subsection 3 of this
17 section.

18 3. By January 1, 2017, the state board of education shall, through
19 administrative rule, develop a system of classification that accredits
20 attendance centers within a district separately from the district as a
21 whole using the classification designations provided in section
22 161.087. The state board of education's system shall not assign
23 classification designations to attendance centers that do not offer
24 classes above the second grade level. When the state board adopts its
25 system, it shall assign a classification designation to each attendance
26 center, except for those attendance centers that do not offer classes
27 above the second grade level. The state board of education may assign
28 classification numbers outside the range of numbers assigned to high
29 schools, middle schools, junior high schools, or elementary schools as
30 classification designations for attendance centers that are exempt from
31 the accreditation classification system. Public separate special
32 education schools within a special school district and within a school
33 district are exempted from the accreditation requirements of this
34 section and section 161.087. While not applicable for the purpose of
35 accreditation, a special school district shall continue to report all
36 scores on its annual performance report to the department of
37 elementary and secondary education for all its schools. Juvenile
38 detention centers within a special school district are also exempted
39 from the accreditation standards of this section and section 161.087.

40 4. Upon adoption of the classification system described in
41 subsection 3 of this section, the state board may change any
42 classification it has assigned to an attendance center under subsection
43 1 of this section.

44 5. An attendance center that does not offer classes above the
45 second grade level shall be exempt from any requirements related to
46 statewide assessments.

47 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (9) of section
48 161.092, the rules and regulations promulgated under this section shall
49 be effective thirty days after publication in the code of state
50 regulations as provided in section 536.021 and shall not be subject to

51 the two-year delay contained in subdivision (9) of section 161.092.

52 7. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
53 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section
54 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of
55 the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
56 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
57 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to
58 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
59 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
60 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall
61 be invalid and void.

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